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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Louis
4 "Joe Lou Darling" Stevenson, who passed away on January 18,
5 2016; and

6 WHEREAS, Louis Stevenson was born in Hollandale,
7 Mississippi to Miles Edward and LeeAnna Stevenson on May 12,
8 1952; his family moved to Chicago in 1969 and he graduated from
9 Wendell Phillips High School; he married Theresa Davis on March
10 3, 1973 and enlisted in the United Marine Corps that same year;
11 he achieved the rank of Sergeant and was honorably discharged
12 in May of 1983; and

13 WHEREAS, Louis Stevenson attended McCoy Barber College and
14 became the owner and operator of Lord n' Lou's Barber Shop in
15 Dolton; after he retired, he worked as a lead barber with his
16 nephews at TNT Barber Shop in Chicago; and

17 WHEREAS, Louis Stevenson was a gifted artist; as a special
18 tribute to his brother, Jerry, and his mother, LeAnna, he drew
19 a mural on the backsplash of the baptismal pool of the New Hope
20 Missionary Baptist Church in Chicago, which can still be viewed
21 today; and

1 WHEREAS, Louis Stevenson married his longtime friend and
2 soul mate, Tawanna, on April 29, 2014; and

3 WHEREAS, Louis Stevenson was preceded in death by his
4 brother, Jerry; his mother, LeAnna Stevenson; his daughter,
5 Pamela; his father, Miles Edward Stevenson; and his sisters,
6 Mildred and Velma; and

7 WHEREAS, Louis Stevenson is survived by his daughters,
8 Tamela (Terry), Elaine (Maurice), and Karema (Wayne); his son,
9 Jerry; his stepdaughter, Kierra; his sisters, Nellie (Dennis)
10 Speed, Dorothy Smith, Olivia Williams, and Betty Stevenson; his
11 brothers, James (Gloria) Stevenson and Charles (Maxine)
12 Stevenson; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, and
13 friends; therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
15 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
16 mourn the passing of Louis "Joe Lou Darling" Stevenson, and
17 extend our sincere condolences to his family, friends, and all
18 who knew and loved him; and be it further

19 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
20 presented to the family of Louis Stevenson as an expression of
21 our deepest sympathy.